

DAMAGE SURVEY REPORT (DSR)
Emergency Watershed Protection Program – Recovery

Section 1A

Date of Report: 03/09/2006

DSR Number: 121-05-001K Project Number: Parish Ditch

NRCS Entry Only

Eligible: YES ☒ NO ☐
Approved: YES ☒ NO ☐
Funding Priority Number (from Section 4) 3e
Limited Resource Area: YES ☐ NO ☒

Section 1B Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name: West Baton Rouge

Address: P.O. Box 757 880 North Alexander Ave.

City/State/Zip: Port Allen, LA 70767

Telephone Number: (225) 383-4755

Fax: (225) 387-0218

Section 1C Site Location Information

County: West Baton Rouge

State: LA

Congressional District: 6

Latitude: see comments

Longitude: see comments

Section: 35 Township: 7S Range: 11, 12E

UTM Coordinates: 15

Drainage Name: West Baton Rouge Parish Ditch

Reach: South of I-10; parallel w/ Port Allen Canal

Damage Description: Debris is reducing the capacity of ditch. Debris consists of mostly trees.

Section 1D Site Evaluation

All answers in this Section must be YES in order to be eligible for EWP assistance.

Site Eligibility	YES	NO	Remarks
Damage was a result of a natural disaster?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hurricane Katrina - August 29, 2005
Recovery measures would be for runoff retardation or soil erosion prevention?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Threat to life and/or property?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Event caused a sudden impairment in the watershed?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imminent threat was created by this event?**	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For structural repairs, not repaired twice within ten years?***	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Site Defensibility			
Economic, environmental, and social documentation adequate to warrant action (Go to pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proposed action technically viable? (Go to Page 9 ***)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Have all the appropriate steps been taken to ensure that all segments of the affected population have been informed of the EWP program and its possible effects? YES ☒ NO ☐

Start: 30.41146, 91.32715, End: 30.44744, 91.25297

Comments: _____

* Statutory

** Regulation

*** DSR Pages 3 through 5 are required to support the decisions recorded on this summary page. If additional space is needed on this or any other page in this form, add appropriate pages.

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Section 1E Proposed Action

Describe the preferred alternative from Findings: Section 5 A:

Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods involving sawyers, cable equipment and trackhoes. Debris will be disposed of outside of the streambank on either side.

Total installation cost identified in this DSR: Section 3: \$ _____

Section 1F NRCS State Office Review and Approval

Reviewed By: _____

State EWP Program Manager

Date Reviewed: 8/21/06

Approved By: _____

State Conservationist

Date Approved: 8/27/06

PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is 7 CFR 624 (EWP) and Section 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1950, Public Law 81-516, 33 U.S.C. 701b-1; and Section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978, Public Law 95334, as amended by Section 382, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104-127, 16 U.S.C. 2203. EWP, through local sponsors, provides emergency measures for runoff retardation and erosion control to areas where a sudden impairment of a watershed threatens life or property. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated the administration of EWP to the Chief or NRCS on state, tribal and private lands.

Signing this form indicates the sponsor concurs and agrees to provide the regional cost-share to implement the EWP recovery measure(s) determined eligible by NRCS under the terms and conditions of the program authority. Failure to provide a signature will result in the applicant being unable to apply for or receive a grant the applicable program authorities. Once signed by the sponsor, this information may not be provided to other agencies. IRS, Department of Justice, or other State or Federal Law Enforcement agencies, and in response to a court or administrative tribunal.

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Section 2 Environmental Evaluation

2A Resource Concerns	2B Existing Condition	2C Alternative Designation		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
		Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods and spread outside of stream bed - either bank	Leave debris in stream	Complete debris removal
		2D Effects of Alternatives		
Soil				
Bank erosion	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre	20 tons/acre	5 tons/acre
Soil quality	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved	Soil quality reduced	Soil quality improved
Water				
Downstream water rights	Will not have to drain River to conduct debris removal.	No Effect	No Effect	No Effect
DO	Low/potential problem	Improved DO	Low /potential problem	Improved DO
BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD	Raised BOD	Lower BOD
Petroleum products	attainment	Short-term increase during removal	attainment	Short-term increase during removal
SVAP	SVAP 5.8 poor	SVAP 5.9 poor	SVAP 5.8 poor	SVAP 5.9 poor
Air				
PM-10	attainment	attainment	attainment	attainment
Plant				
Aquatic health/vigor	Poor	Improved	Poor	Improved
Riparian plants	Excessive debris causing shading and long term damage	Increased sunlight will increase growth	Growth limited	Increased growth
Animal				
Fisheries access	Impaired due to blockage	Restore hydrologic flow regime	Access restricted.	Restore hydrologic flow regime
Other				
Aesthetics	Poor due to clutter	Improved	Poor due to clutter	Improved
Vector habitat	Mosquito habitat in floodplain	Improve flow will drain areas	Vector habitat will remain	Improve flow will drain areas

Section 2E Special Environmental Concerns

Resource Consideration	Existing Condition	Alternatives and Effects		
		Proposed Action	No Action	Alternative
Clean Water Act Waters of the U.S.	CWA permit will be required if work is to be done in channel.	CWA permit required	No permit required.	CWA permit required
Coastal Zone Management Areas	Not Within CZMA	N/A	N/A	N/A
Coral Reefs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cultural Resources	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site	(FOTG Sec II) none observed on-site State Level Review needed
Endangered and Threatened Species	(FOTG Sec II) (Federal/State Lists) No T&E habitat noted	(FOTG Sec II) No T&E habitat noted	(FOTG Sec II) No T&E habitat noted	(FOTG Sec II) No T&E habitat noted
Environmental Justice	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Essential Fish Habitat	(FOTG Sec II) No EFH	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fish and Wildlife Coordination	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required.	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required	N/A	State level review by project type with USFWS&LDWF; No consultation required.
Floodplain Management	This parish ditch is located within 100-year floodplain of Choctaw Bayou. Debris is increasing flood potential.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.	100-year floodplain is increased in size due to debris.	100-year floodplain historic range restored.
Invasive Species	None noted	N/A	N/A	N/A
Migratory Birds	Food & cover quality for dense canopy cover birds reduced	Food&cover quality improved	Food&cover quality impaired due to debris	Food&cover quality improved
Natural Areas	(FOTG Sec II) none noted	N/A	N/A	N/A
Prime and Unique Farmlands	(FOTG Sec II) Convent and Commerce Silt Loam	Drainage from farmland improved.	Impaired waterway may cause flooding	Drainage from farmland improved
Riparian Areas	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal	Riparian habitat impacted by flooding due to debris accumulation	Riparian habitat improved by debris removal
Scenic Beauty	(FOTG Sec II) Not listed	(N/A	N/A	N/A
Wetlands	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impacted.	Open water containing debris. Emergent/wooded wetlands also littered with debris.	Debris removed from open water and adjacent to stream. Wetlands not adversely impact
Wild and Scenic Rivers	(FOTG Sec II) (LDWF scenic streams list) Not listed	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Section 2F Economic

This section must be completed by each alternative considered (attach additional sheets as necessary).

	Future Damages (\$)	Damage Factor (%)	Near Term Damage Reduction
Properties Protected (Private):3 houses @ \$150,000	450,000.00	25	112,500.00
2 hunting camps @ \$20,000	40,000.00	25	10,000.00
Properties Protected (Public) 1 bridge @ \$50,000	50,000.00	10	5,000.00
— concrete bridge 25' x 40'			
Business Losses: Tire Shop @ \$60,000	60,000.00	10.00	6,000.00
Asphalt Company @ \$100,000	100000	10	10,000.00
Other:			
Powerline @ \$2,000	2,000.00	25	500.00
Total Near Term Damage Reduction \$			144,000.00
Net Benefit (Total Near Term Damage Reduction minus Cost from Section 3)			:

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Section 2G Social Consideration This section must be completed by each alternative considered

(attach additional sheets as necessary).

	YES	NO	Remarks
Has there been a loss of life as a result of the watershed impairment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Is there the potential for loss of life due to damages from the watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has access to a hospital or medical facility been impaired by watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes - many downed trees may block access
Has the community as a whole been adversely impacted by the watershed impairment (life and property ceases to operate in a normal capacity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Impairment increased flooding impacts throughout the community
Is there a lack or has there been a reduction of public safety due to watershed impairment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Section 2H Group Representation and Disability Information

This section is completed only for the preferred alternative selected.

Group Representation	Number
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Female Non-Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Hispanic	
American Indian/Alaska Native Male Non-Hispanic	
Asian Female Hispanic	
Asian Female Non-Hispanic	
Asian Male Hispanic	
Asian Male Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Hispanic	
Black or African American Female Non-Hispanic	
Black or African American Male Hispanic	
Black or African American Male Non-Hispanic	2
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Female Non-Hispanic	2
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Hispanic	
Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander Male Non-Hispanic	
White Female Hispanic	
White Female Non-Hispanic	4
White Male Hispanic	
White Male Non-Hispanic	4
Total Group	12

Census tract(s) _____

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Section 2I. Required consultation or coordination between the lead agency and/or the RFO and another governmental unit including tribes:

Easements, permissions, or permits:

Required: Access permission (West Baton Rouge Parish); CWA permit (COE); Water Quality Certification (LDEQ)

The only species listed in West Baton Rouge Parish is the Pallid Sturgeon which requires large flowing rivers. No habitat was noted for this species since this is a manmade ditch.

Mitigation Description:

Removal of storm debris from ditch using conventional methods. Debris will be disposed of onsite, outside of the ditch area. Action will be completed without interruption.

Some existing, water-logged debris left in the channel is preferred/acceptable. Only dead/new debris is to be removed. No live trees should be cut.

The proposed action is the preferred alternative. The proposed action is the least costly alternative that achieves the restoration objectives, maximizes environmental benefits and is socially acceptable.

Agencies, persons, and references consulted, or to be consulted:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
LDEQ
West Baton Rouge Parish Government
LDWF

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Section 4 NRCS EWP Funding Priority

Complete the following section to compute the funding priority for the recovery measures in this application (see instructions on page 10).

Priority Ranking Criteria	Yes	No		Ranking Number Plus Modifier
1. Is this an exigency situation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		3 E
2. Is this a site where there is serious, but not immediate threat to human life?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. Is this a site where buildings, utilities, or other important infrastructure components are threatened?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Is this site a funding priority established by the NRCS Chief?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The following are modifiers for the above criteria			Modifier	
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve federally-listed threatened and endangered species or critical habitat?				
b. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve cultural sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places?				
c. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve prime or important farmland?				
d. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve existing wetlands?				
a. Will the proposed action or alternatives maintain or improve current water quality conditions?			e	
f. Will the proposed action or alternatives protect or conserve unique habitat, including but not limited to, areas inhabited by State-listed species, fish and wildlife management area, or State identified sensitive habitats?				

Enter priority computation in Section 1A, NRCS Entry, Funding priority number.

Remarks:

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Section 5A Findings

Finding: Indicate the preferred alternative from Section 2 (Enter to Section 1E):

Removal of storm debris from channel using conventional methods involving sawyers, cable equipment and trackhoes. Debris will be disposed of outside of the streambank on either side.

I have considered the effects of the action and the alternatives on the Environmental Economic, Social; the Special Environmental Concerns; and the extraordinary circumstances (40 CFR 1508.27). I find for the reasons stated below, that the preferred alternative:

- ☒ Has been sufficiently analyzed in the EWP PEIS (reference all that apply)
- Chapter 5.2.2.1.2
Chapter 5.2.2.2.2
Chapter _____
Chapter _____
Chapter _____

____ May require the preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.
The action will be referred to the NRCS State Office on this date:

NRCS representative of the DSR team

Title: District Conservationist

Date: 3-27-06

Section 5B Comments:

Section 5C

Sponsor Concurrence:

Sponsor Representative

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH PRESIDENT

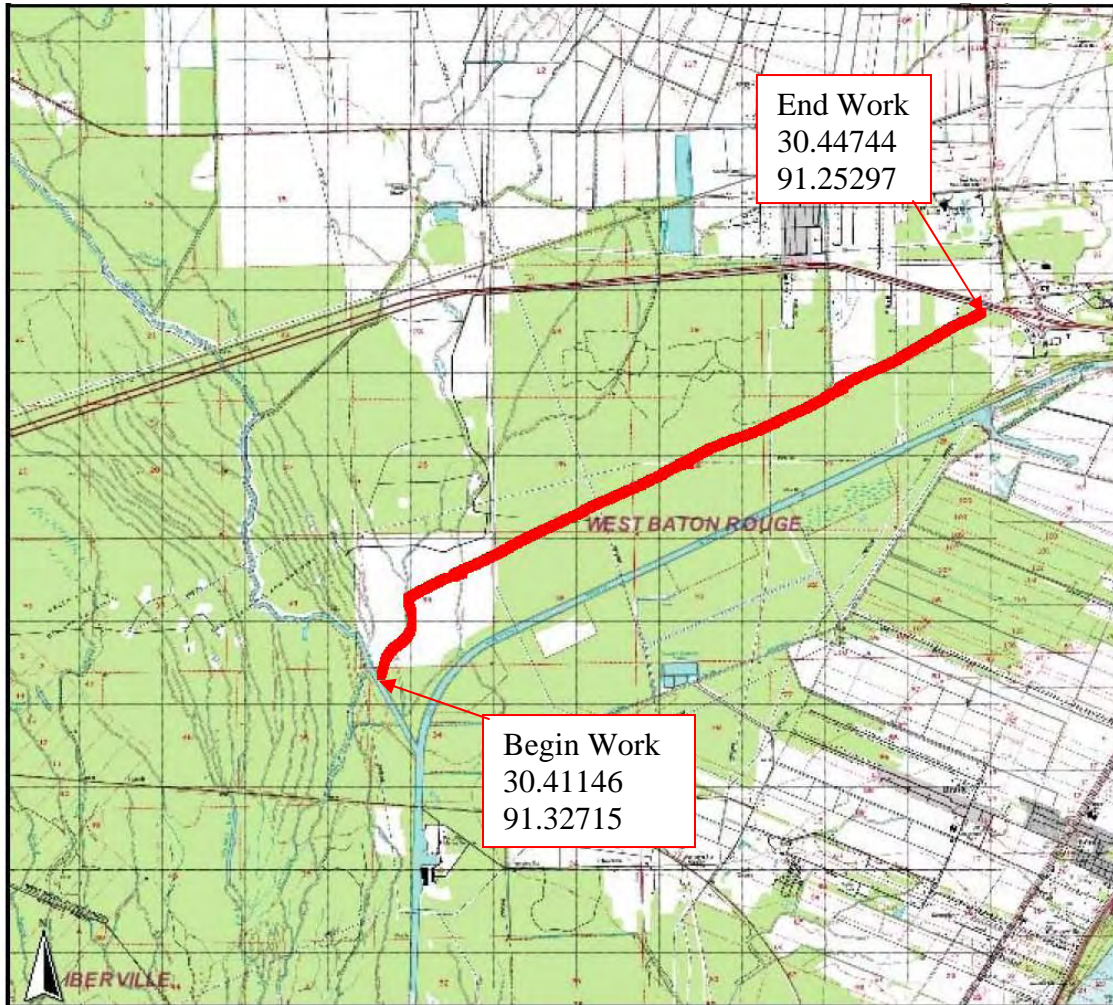
Title: Riley P. Bessy

Date: 3/27/06

Section 6 Attachments:

- A. Location Map
- B. Site Plan or Sketches
- C. Other (explain)

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